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2. The present Master of the SHIPKA, Lyuben Genov Khristov, was formerly Master of the SS SEPTIMVRI **[REDACTED]** 25X1
3. The present First Mate is Ivan Borisov Sakazov (possibly Sarkazov), formerly Master of the DIMITUR KONDOV **[REDACTED]** 25X1
4. At a rate of exchange of 5.8 leva to \$1.00 (U.S.), the Master of the SHIPKA receives 1600 leva per month and the First Mate receives 800 leva per month. The cost of living in Bulgaria is almost double **[REDACTED]** 25X1
5. The number of crew members on board Bulgarian cargo ships is almost double that on other freighters because these ships are the property of the Bulgarian government, which increased the number of crew members to avoid unemployment of Bulgarian seamen.



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